GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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EXPORT OF WOOLLEN TEXTILE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the exports of woollen textile has been showing declining trend during the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the woollen export?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a)&(b) During the year 2000-2001, the export of woollen items excluding carpets registered a growth of 69% over the year 1999-2000. During the first 9 months of the year 2001-2002, they have shown negative growth of 18% over the corresponding period last year, but compare favourably with figures of 1999-2000:

(Rs. crore)

Item	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002 (Apr-Dec` 01)
Woollens (excluding carpets)	982.18	1665.84	1115.44

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) The Government has taken various steps to boost the export of woollen textiles, which includes Technology Upgradation Fund scheme for modernization of the sector to boost its competitiveness in international trade, de-reservation of the garment sector, increase in limits of investment for small scale units in knitwear sector, the Integrated Apparel Parks scheme, the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Schemes, development of new blends and products to meet greater overseas demands, creation of design bank by National Institute of Fashion Technology, rationalization of tariff structure on machinery and raw materials, etc.